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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES

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1. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGES IN LOCAL TRAINING  
ESTABLISHMENT OR CURRICULUM SINCE TRAINING ASSESSMENT  
WAS SUBMITTED WITH FY-77 NCAP (AUG 1975), POST SUBMITS  
FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5  
OF REFTEL:

A. NO.

B. YES. NATIONAL NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT (DNN)  
PROVIDES SOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARAGURAY'S ONLY ACADEMY FOR  
CAREER POLICE OFFICIALS. DNN INSTRUCTORS ALSO HAVE CON-  
DUCTED SEMINARS AT POLICE PRECINCTS IN ASUNCION AND LOCAL  
POLICE UNITS IN OTHER LOCATIONS. ALL INSTRUCTION IN  
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT IS BASIC AND INTRODUCTORY RATHER  
THAN INTENSIVE.

C. THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN ASUNCION  
IS PARAGUAY'S ONLY TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR POLICE AND  
DEALS ONLY WITH OFFICERS; "ENLISTED MEN" IN PARAGUAY'S  
QUASI-MILITARY POLICE FORCE RECEIVE NO FORMAL TRAINING.

D. POLICE ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS IN GENERAL HAVE  
NO SPECIALIZED TRAINING ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE COLLEGE DEGREES;  
UNLESS TRAINED BY DEA, THEY WOULD HAVE MINIMUM CAPABILITIES  
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FOR SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION. ALL DNN

PERSONNEL WITH INSTRUCTOR DUTIES HAVE RECEIVED DEA TRAINING IN THE U.S.

E. DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY, 1974, TO DECEMBER, 1976, THE FOLLOWING NARCOTICS TRAINING HAS BEEN PROVIDED: DEA TRAINING IN U.S. FOR 10 DNN AGENTS AND TWO MINISTRY OF HEALTH LABORATORY TECHNICIANS; AND A U.S. CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY SEMINAR FOR 33 DNN, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, DEA SPONSORED ATTENDANCE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH AT A DRUG DEPENDENCE CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY; AND FOUR DNN AGENTS HAVE RECEIVED UN-SPONSORED TRAINING IN BUENOS AIRES.

F. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MEASURABLE RESULTS OF LOCAL TRAINING BY PARAGUAYAN PERSONNEL. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING BY U.S. PERSONNEL HAS BEEN MINIMALLY EFFECTIVE, WHILE RESULTS OF TRAINING IN U.S. HVE BEEN SATISFACTORY.

G. GOP MIGHT ACCEPT A NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN PRINCIPLE BUT BENEFITS WOULD BE DOUBTFUL GIVEN CURRENT CONDITIONS (POLITICAL CLIMATE, STRUCTURE OF POLICE SYSTEM, ETC.) EVEN IF GOP PUT SUCH A PROGRAM INTO OPERATION.

H. WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH IS TO PROVIDE FURTHER TRAINING IN U.S. AS NECESSARY FOR DNN PERSONNEL RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE LOCAL TRAINING CAPABILITIES, WHICH WE VIEW AS ADEQUATE IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT CURRICULUM AT POLICE ACADEMY AND THE GOP'S MINIMAL INTEREST IN OR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.

I. UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, PARAGUAY COULD ONLY BE THE RECIPIENT OF, NOT THE HOST COUNTRY FOR, REGIONAL TRAINING.  
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